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In re Application of )  
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**De Ye** ) Confirmation No. 4697  
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Serial No. 09/701,023 ) Examiner: David T. Fox  
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Filed: June 18, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 1638  
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For: Control of Sporocyte or )  
Meiocyte Formation in Plants )

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the United States  
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 for two months from January 1, 2004 to March 1, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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